

The New Maine Regional Library System

What's changing...and
what's remaining the same

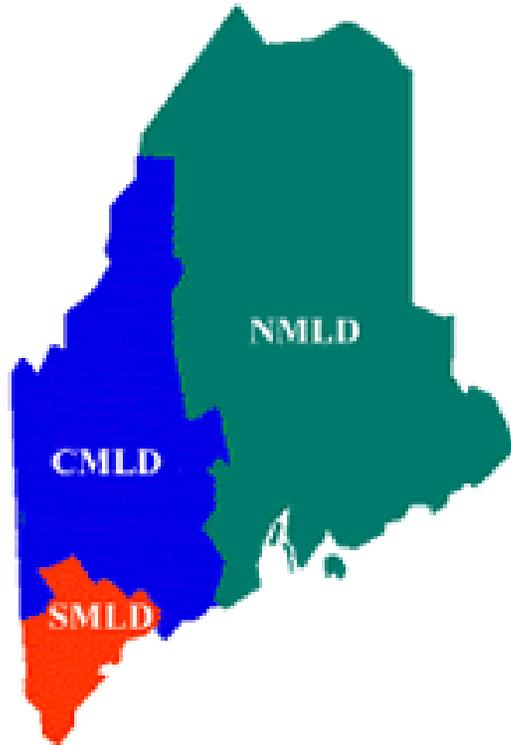
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The Maine Regional Library System



Three districts...
Three consultants...

District	Population	# Public Libraries
CMLD	403,545	89
NMLD	434,637	117
SMLD	491,146	61



Transition to a new model

- A new consultant - “Small, Rural library Specialist” Create 9 regions rather than three – to be able to hold meetings and customized CE and info gathering and sharing
- Create liaisons at the county level.
- Work to fund a school library specialist position
- Create a statewide advisory board, with representatives from the 9 new districts



Recommendations to the Maine Library Commission

- Create one statewide library district
- District will have 9 regions
- Each region has an MSL staff liaison
- Continue with 2 statewide council meetings yearly
- MSL will provide regional training in each region and encourage libraries to meet

MRLS – Reimagined and Reinvented



New Regions and Liaisons

County	Region #	Liaison
Cumberland	1	Deb Clark
York	1	Deb Clark
FRANKLIN	2	To be hired - Librarian III #2
OXFORD	2	To be hired - Librarian III #2
ANDROSCOGGIN	3	Stephanie Zurinski
KENNEBEC	3	Stephanie Zurinski
SAGadahoc	3	Stephanie Zurinski
KNOX	4	To be hired Librarian III #1
LINCOLN	4	To be hired Librarian III #1
PISCATAQUIS	5	Chris Dorman
SOMERSET	5	Chris Dorman
PENOBSCOT	6	Jenny Melvin
WALDO	6	Jenny Melvin
HANCOCK	7	Jared Leadbetter
WASHINGTON	8	Lisa Shaw
AROOSTOOK	9	Lisa Shaw



Specialists that consult, model and train...

- Digital Literacy Jared Leadbetter
- Annual report Jenny Melvin
- Data/Evaluation Stephanie Zurinski
- Strategic Plans Deb Clark
- Rural/Small Lisa Shaw
- STEM/Robots Chris Dorman

More specialties...see the handout



A new journey together

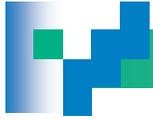
The Maine State Library's missions is to...

help people,

make Maine libraries stronger*

and transform information into knowledge.

** and librarians*



Thank you!

Questions and comments...